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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTING A MOLECULAR RECOGNITION REACTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-14.

Please add the following new claims:

(New) Detection method of a molecular recognition reaction between a first molecule fixed on a support and a second molecule present in a solution to be tested, without labelling, in which the detection is made by a photothermal method.